

# Public Health Role in Tuberculosis control

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# HISTORY OF TUBERCULOSIS

- TB: Major Cause of Suffering and Death
- First human case 3400 BC
- Consumption, White Plague, scrofula, King's Evil, pthisis
- England 1815: 1 in 4 deaths
- France 1918: 1 in 6 deaths
- During 20<sup>th</sup>C, TB killed ~100 million

# Timothy Cratchit aka Tiny Tim



- Tiny Tim known based on invalid son of Dicken's friend
- 1997 Excavation at St. Andrew's Church found 19C gravesite
- *"In Memory. Timothy Cratchit. 1839–1884, Beloved Husband of Julia, Father of Robert, and Son of Robert and Martha."*
- Skeletal remains of 40yo man wearing metal frame and leather on legs and back
- PCR confirmed Tuberculosis\*

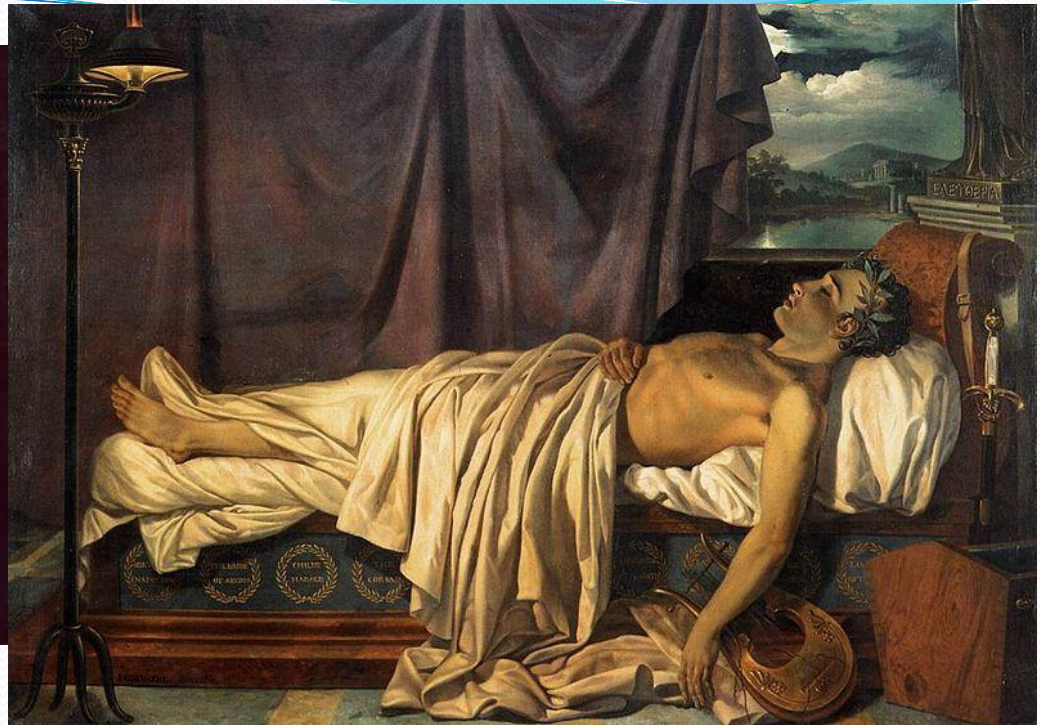
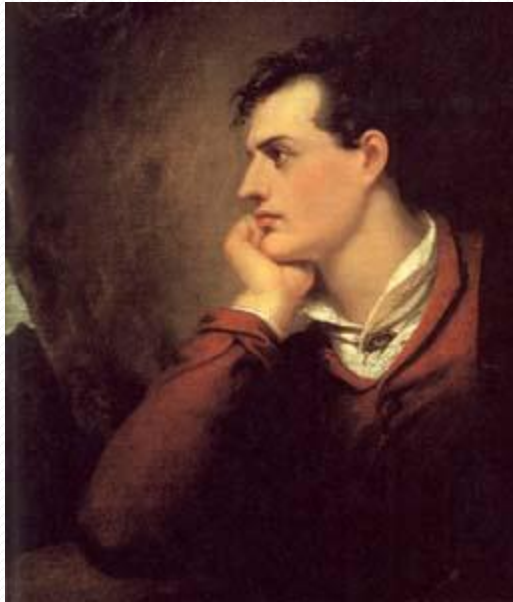
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- At the height of the Romantic movement tuberculosis was declared to be:
- “The mark of spirituality or the wages paid by those seemingly touched by a burning creativity.”

# HISTORY OF TUBERCULOSIS

- Mark of beauty-pale consumptive look
  - 1858 painting of Queen Guinevere by William Morris
- La Boheme- Mimi
- La Dame aux Camelias- Margrerrite





**“I look pale . . . I should like to die of consumption – because the ladies would say ‘Look at poor Byron, how interesting he looks in dying’.”**

**Lord Byron (1788-1824)**



# HISTORY OF TUBERCULOSIS



- Robert Koch(1843-1910)
- Discovery  
Tuberculosis  
bacillus
- April 10, 1882
  - Berlin Physiological Society

# HISTORY OF TUBERCULOSIS

- Sanatorium Movement
- National association for the study and prevention of tuberculosis 1904.
- Rapid growth.
  - 11,953 beds in 1908
  - 30,000 beds in 1915
  - 97,726 beds in 1942 (peak)

# HISTORY OF TUBERCULOSIS

- Tuberculosis Nursing



Nurse crossing roofs to visit patients



**With no drug therapies, past TB sufferers like these in 1953 were isolated in sanatoriums.**

# Tuberculosis today

## Still a Major Cause of Suffering and Death

- *One third of the world's population are infected with TB*
- *9 million people worldwide become sick with TB each year*
- *2 million will die each year of TB related disease*
- *TB is the leading killer of people who are HIV infected.*

## TUBERCULOSIS AND MEDICAL SCIENCE

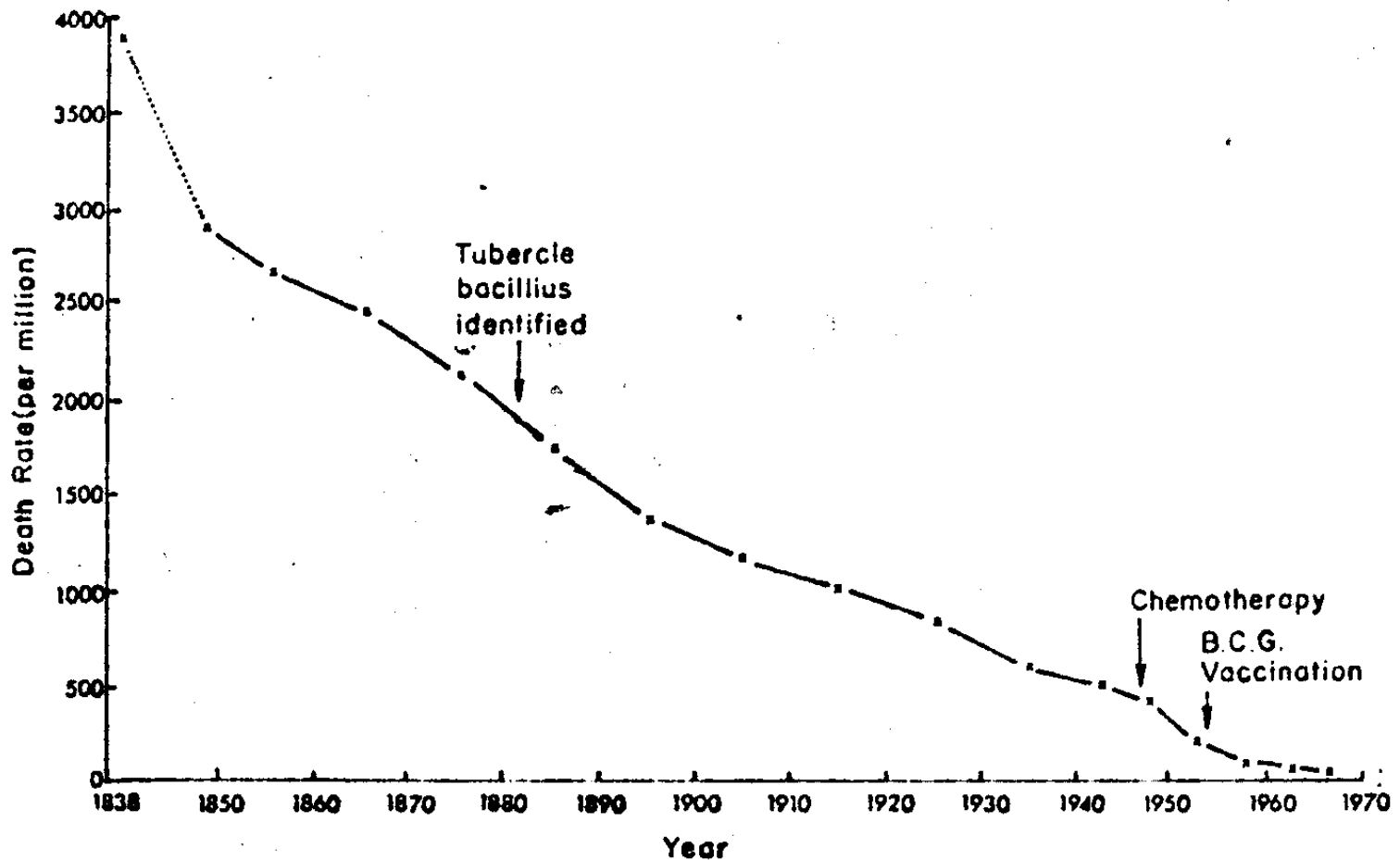


Fig. 1. Respiratory tuberculosis: mean annual death rate, England and Wales. (Reproduced with permission from McKeown T, Lowe CR. *An Introduction to Social Medicine*. Oxford: Blackwell, 1974.)



# TB Morbidity

## United States, 2006–2011

Year	No.	Rate*
2006	13,727	4.6
2007	13,278	4.4
2008	12,895	4.2
2009	11,528	3.8
2010	11,171	3.6
2011	10,528	3.4

\*Cases per 100,000. Updated as of June 15, 2012.



## Reported TB Cases United States, 1982–2011\*



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# Tuberculosis 2013 contacts to MDR case

# Cabell-Huntington Health Department

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# **Public Health Role in Tuberculosis control**

# Tuberculosis control

All aspects of control

Detection

Prevention

Treatment programs





# Tuberculosis control

Surveillance

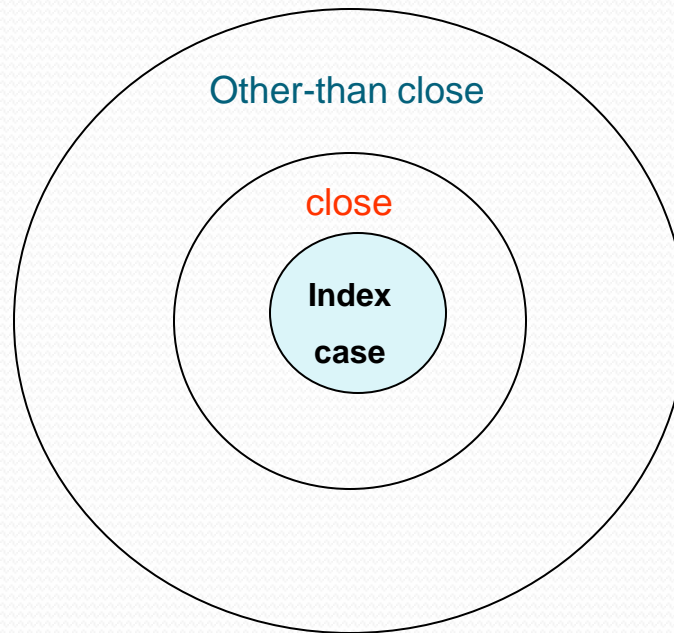
Case containment  
prevention

# Tuberculosis control

- Source or suspected Case
  - Confirmed case
  - Suspected case

# Contact investigation

concentric circle

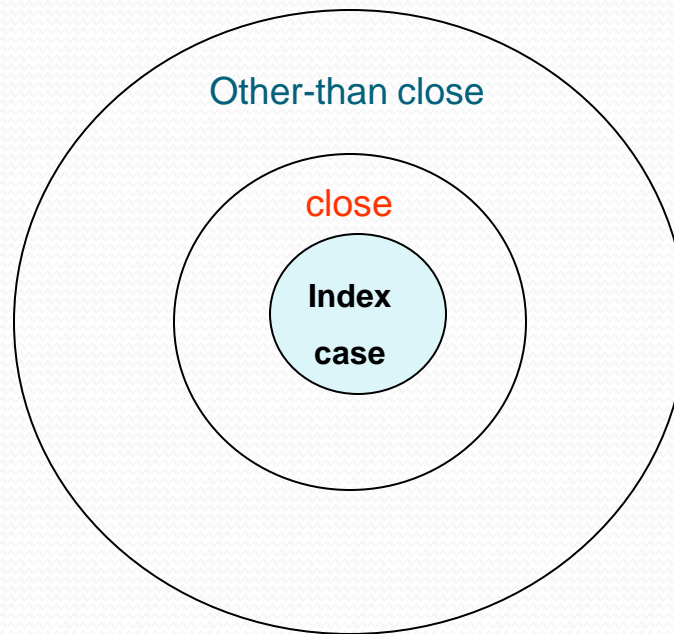


# Contact investigation

concentric circle / 3 months prior to Rx

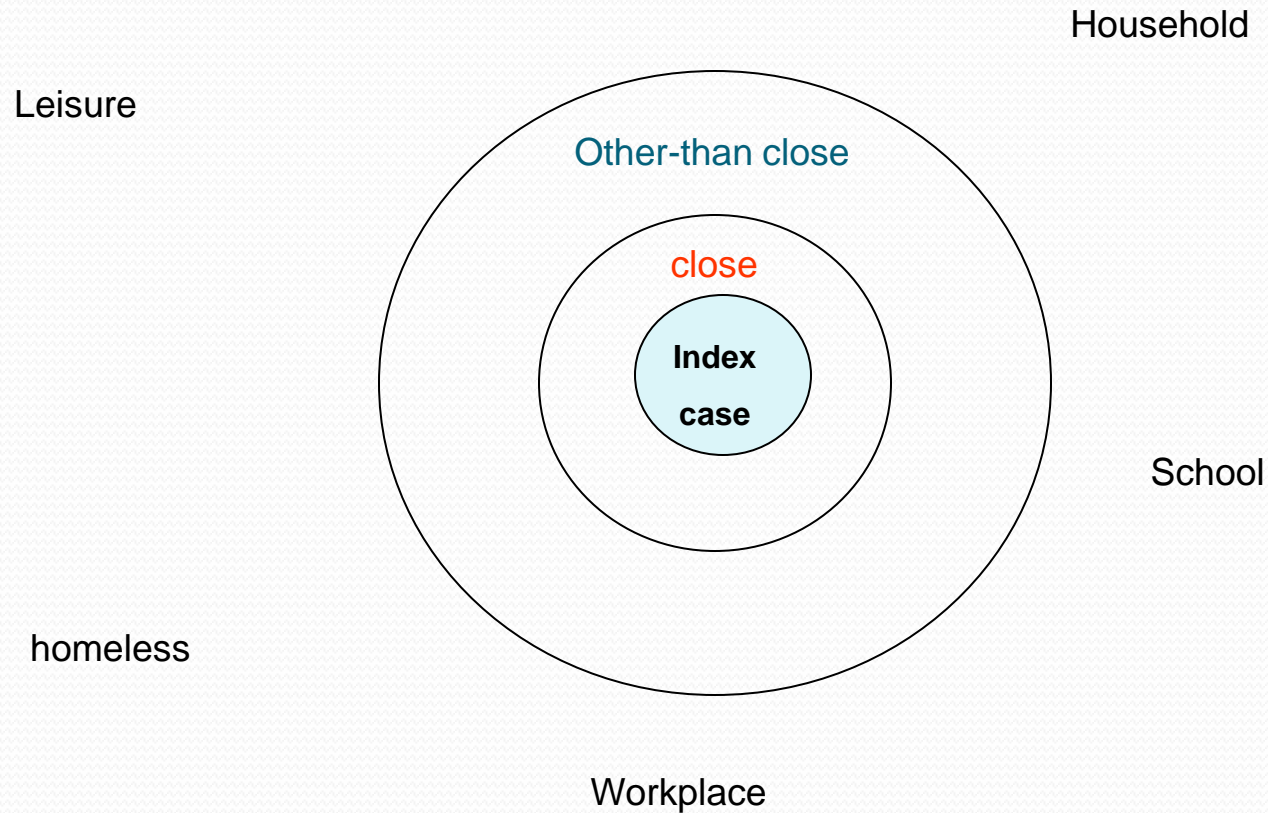
Close contact

8 hr / week



# Contact investigation

concentric circle



# Contact investigation

Close contacts most likely to be infected:

- 1. Contacts to patients with high degree of infectiousness based on the following factors:
  - Laryngeal or pulmonary Tuberculosis
  - AFB smear positive
  - Cavitory disease on Chest X-ray
  - Cough



# Contact investigation

Close contacts most likely to be infected:

- 2. **Contacts exposed to patients in:**
  - Congregate settings
  - Small or crowded rooms
  - Areas that are poorly ventilated
  - Areas without air-cleaning systems

# Contact investigation

Close contacts most likely to be infected:

- Congregate settings
  - prison
  - shelters
  - nursing homes
  - single-room-occupancy hotels
  - health care facilities

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- **Contacts who:**
  - Have prolonged exposure (longer than 8 hours per week during infectious period)
  - Have been physically close to the patient

# Contact investigation

Contacts at high risk of developing tuberculosis once infected

- 1. Contacts who are young children less than 5 years of age.
- 2. Contacts with any of these conditions:
  - HIV infection/AIDS or those at high risk for HIV infection who refuse HIV testing.
  - Injection of drugs
  - Diabetes mellitus
  - Silicosis

# Contact investigation

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- 2. Contacts with any of these conditions:
  - Prolonged corticosteroid therapy
  - Immunosuppressive therapy
  - Chemotherapy
  - Certain types of Cancers (i. g. Carcinoma of the head, neck , or lungs) or hematological disorders (i. e. leukemia and lymphoma)

# Contact investigation

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- 2. Contacts with any of these conditions:
  - Chronic renal failure
  - Gastrectomy or jejunioileal bypass
  - Low body weight (10% or greater below ideal)
  - Fibrotic lesions on CXR consistent with old Tuberculosis



# Calculating the infectious period

- Usually starts 12 weeks prior to treatment and ends when contact with infected person is removed from interaction with contacts
  - This period is extended in the case of MDRTB
  - The period may be extended if history reveals an earlier start of symptoms.
  - If patient reverts from Negative cultures to Positive a new infectious period must be established. History is critical in this revision.

# Disease investigation & Management

- Assessing Risk of Transmission
  - *based on the characteristics of the source case*
    - AFB smear Positive (higher the smear grade, higher risk)
    - Site (pulmonary or laryngeal tuberculosis)
    - Cavitory disease
    - Cough or hoarseness

# Disease investigation & Management

- Assessing Risk of Transmission
  - *Based on environmental factors*
    - Small room size
    - Poor ventilation (lack of windows)

# Disease investigation & Management

- Assessing Risk of Transmission
  - *Based on the extent of exposure*
    - Prolonged exposure *greater than 8 hours of exposure*
    - Frequent exposure
    - Close physical proximity *(i. e. sleeping in the same room)*

# Evaluation & Management of Contacts

- All close contacts should be evaluated for symptoms
  1. Highest priority for further testing are those who exhibit symptoms of TB.
    - Test with:
      - IPPD or IGRA (t-spot)
      - Chest X-ray
      - Sputum smears & cultures (with drug susceptibility testing)
      - Also look for extra pulmonary sites

# Evaluation & Management of Contacts

- All close contacts should be evaluated for symptoms
  2. Contacts with definite symptoms of TB should be treated: (With or without a positive chest X-ray finding consistent with TB)
    - Await TB culture results

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  - This includes withholding LTBI treatment



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Regardless of initial lab findings:

CXR

IPPD or IGRA

# Evaluation & Management of Contacts

- HIV testing
  - Who should be tested?

# Evaluation & Management of Contacts

- HIV testing

- All contacts
- Those with HIV risk behavior should be closely monitored & referred when appropriate.

# Evaluation & Management of Contacts

## Individuals Who Need Medical Evaluation and Chest Radiograph

Status		
New Positive Test for TB Infection	Prior Positive Test for TB Infection	Regardless of Test for TB Infection Result (+ or - TTBI)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contacts (close and other than close)</li><li>• Persons being evaluated in source case investigation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Symptomatic</li><li>• Persons being evaluated in source case investigation</li><li>• Additional persons with heavy exposure</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contacts with HIV infection or other medical risk factors</li><li>• Children younger than 5 years of age identified during window period</li><li>• Anyone with symptoms suggestive of tuberculosis, regardless of TTBI result or age</li><li>• Sexual contacts of HIV-infected index patients</li><li>• All associates in a source case investigation</li></ul>

# Evaluation & Management of Contacts

- Contacts with a negative IPPD or IGRA (class I)  
Why are they class 1?

# Evaluation & Management of Contacts

- Contacts with a negative IPPD or IGRA (class I)
  - Repeat testing in 8 to 12 weeks.
  - Of the negative test group who should have an X-ray & clinical evaluation during the 8 weeks period?

# Evaluation & Management of Contacts

- Contacts with a negative IPPD or IGRA who need a chest X-ray & medical evaluation:
  - Contacts younger than 5 years of age
  - Contacts between 5 and 15 years of age at physicians request
  - Contacts who are HIV positive
  - Contacts who are Immunosuppressed
  - HIV risk patients who refuse HIV testing



# Evaluation & Management of Contacts

- Contacts with a positive IPPD or IGRA
  - Chest X-ray and physical are normal (class 2)
  - Chest X-ray or Physical evidence suggest TB (class 5)

# Evaluation & Management of Contacts

- Contacts with a positive IPPD or IGRA
  - Chest X-ray and physical are normal (class 2) **Start LTBI treatment**
  - Chest X-ray or Physical evidence suggest TB (class 5) **Evaluate for TB disease before starting treatment**

# Evaluation & Management of Contacts

- Who needs evaluation & Chest X-ray
  - All contacts with a positive IPPD or IGRA
  - Any contact with a prior history of a positive IPPD/IGRA
  - Any contact with a prior history of TB

# Evaluation & Management of Contacts

- Who needs evaluation & Chest X-ray
  - Contacts with HIV or other immunosuppressive conditions with or without a positive IPPD/IGRA
  - Children less than 5 years of age (regardless of IPPD results)
  - All persons with symptoms (regardless of IPPD/IGRA results)
  - Sexual partners of HIV infected contact individuals who refuse HIV testing

# Evaluation & Management of Contacts

- 6 week follow-up testing:
  - 1. Negative test with no further contact to source case (Class 1)
    - May discontinue LTBI treatment

# Evaluation & Management of Contacts

- 8 week follow-up testing:
  - 1. Negative test with no further contact to source case (Class 1)
    - May discontinue LTBI treatment
  - 2. Negative test with continues close contact with source case
    - Continue LTBI if other risk factors

# Evaluation & Management of Contacts

- 8 week follow-up testing:
  - 1. Negative test with no further contact to source case (Class 1)
  - 2. Negative test with continues close contact with source case

Reevaluate every 3 months with a chest X-ray & evaluation

# Evaluation & Management of Contacts

- Those who have a positive culture during the interim period (Class 5)
  - Is now a new source case requiring full treatment & new investigation



# Evaluation & Management of Contacts

- Expanding a contact investigation recommended when the index case fits one or more of these criteria:
  - Homeless living in a congregate setting, shelter or single-room-occupancy hotel
  - Works in or attends a school or day care facility
  - Works in a potentially sensitive worksite
  - Works in a setting where the coworkers are aware of the TB diagnosis

# Evaluation & Management of Contacts


- Expanding a contact investigation recommended when the index case fits one or more of these criteria:
  - Works, studies, or lives in a setting with 15 or more individuals
  - Is a health care worker
  - Has traveled during the infectious period for 8 or more hours on an airplane train, or bus.
  - Attends a place of worship regularly during the infectious period

# Evaluation & Management of Contacts

- Expanding a contact investigation recommended when the index case fits one or more of these criteria:
  - Attended an after school program or other extracurricular programs during the infectious period
  - Frequently in a health care setting during the infectious period
    - Especially if not appropriately isolated during a hospitalization or frequent clinic visits

# Evaluation & Management of Contacts

- Latent Tuberculosis infection
  - Short course therapy (12 weeks) DOT
  - Standard 6 or 9 months therapy
    - Source case finding
    - Regular follow-up
    - Observe for drug toxic effects



# Tuberculosis contact investigation at the Cabell-Huntington Health Department 2013

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# Tuberculosis 2013

## Cabell-Huntington Health Department

Number of new cases	Number of contacts identified	Number of contacts test or Evaluated	Number with LTBI	Number started on treatment after sorting by risk
7	4022	3760	65	45

# Tuberculosis 2013

## Cabell-Huntington Health Department

Number of LTBI	Number who were candidates for LTBI treatment	Number started on treatment	Number who have completed treatment
58	53	45	33



# Reasons for not completing LTBI

Adverse Medication reaction	Patient chose to stop	Patient lost to follow-up
1	2	3

# Tuberculosis 2013

## Cabell-Huntington Health Department

Case	Contacts	Positive PPD	Positive T-spot	On treatment
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				



Tuberculosis is  
a social disease  
with medical  
implications.

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# Role of Nursing today in Direct observed Therapy

- Tuberculosis Nursing



Nurse crossing roofs to visit patients





# TBC nursing 2012





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# TBC evaluation & Therapy



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# TBC nursing 2012



# Summary

- WV has a high standard for the care of tuberculosis patients.
- The Cabell-Huntington Health Department embraces the challenge & the complexity of proper treatment in order to eliminate tuberculosis. (DOT & contact investigation)
- We treat these patients with respect and compassion for our best chance of success

# Eliminate tuberculosis in the US

- Good contact investigation with proper follow-up & therapy. (HIPAA)
- Close monitoring of therapy of active cases with DOT & labs
- Testing all active cases for HIV & MDR & XMD.
- Testing of high risk individuals
- Knowledge of co-morbidities





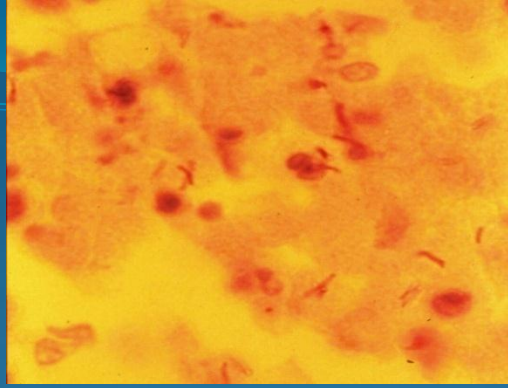
# summary

- Great need exists for new drugs/regimens to address the unmet medical needs in TB therapy
- Ultimate success will require still stronger and more robust global TB drug pipeline
- New approach underway for the development of novel anti-TB drug regimens (CPTR initiative)



# Questions

Thank you



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